



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 045636-5039

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Lise THIBODEAU *et al.* )  
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Application No.: 09/632,806 ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
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Filed: August 4, 2000 ) Examiner: J. Parkin, Ph.D.  
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For: USE OF HIV-1 gp120 AND gp160 PROTEINS )  
MODIFIED IN THE V3 LOOP FOR THE )  
PREPARATION OF VACCINE COMPOSITIONS )  
AND FORMULATIONS CONTAINING THE SAME )

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments that place the claims of the subject application in a condition for allowance. This amendment is being filed after the filing of a Notice of Appeal on November 7, 2005 and receipt of a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review, dated December 22, 2005. Applicants believe that no extension of time fees are necessary because of the panel's resetting of the time period for filing an appeal brief to one month from the mailing date of the decision, which would be January 22, 2006. Because January 22, 2006 fell on a Sunday, under the next business day rule, Monday, January 23, 2006 is the first following business day in which this amendment could be filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.